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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bob Chevalier

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 October 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 October 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
Alexander, Jr.

Alexander, Jr. discloses a geographic data managing system that shows all the limitations recited in claim 1, including the feature of the vehicle adapted to travel on an agricultural field (See Alexander, Jr.'s column 2, line 16), the feature of the camera mounted on the vehicle for continuously taking pictures of various portions of the agricultural field (See Alexander, Jr.'s column 10, lines 44-49), the feature of the computer mounted on the vehicle for receiving and processing pictures taken by the camera (See Alexander, Jr.'s column 15, lines 10-14), the feature of the GPS receiving information signals transmitted from GPS satellites and/or GPS base stations (See Alexander, Jr.'s Figure 16, components 22), the feature of feeding the pictures taken by the camera into the computer and the positional information transmitted from the GPS satellites into the computer to determine the position and orientations of various pictures taken by the camera (See Alexander, Jr.'s Figure 16, components 22, 10, and 46), the

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feature of synthesizing the pictures on the display of the computer to obtain the picture of the field as specified thereof. (See Alexander, Jr.'s column 6, lines 49-52).

With regard to claim 2, the feature of automatically inputting into the computer the GPS positional information and pictures taken by the camera for each optionally determined distance on the field as specified thereof would be present in Alexander, Jr. . Since, all the information from the GPS and the cameras are sent to the computer. (See Alexander, Jr.'s Figure 16, components 22, 10, and 46).

With regard to claim 3, the feature of enlarging any point of the displayed pictures as specified thereof would be inherently present in Alexander, Jr. Because, conventional computers such as the one shown in Alexander,, Jr.'s Figure 16, and column 15, lines 12-14, would naturally include a zooming function for the purpose of sizing up or down any portion of a displayed image or text information on the computer display.

With regard to claim 4, the feature of the camera being a video or digital camera all being able to perform a communication with the computer as specified thereof is present in Alexander, Jr. (See Alexander, Jr.'s Figure 16, components 10, and 46).

With regard to claim 5, the feature of the personal computer capable of receiving and processing the pictures in accordance with the received GPS information as specified thereof is present in Alexander, Jr. (See Alexander, Jr.'s column 2, lines 60-63).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Mikuni discloses an image processing system capable of displaying photographed image in communication with relevant map image.

McCarthy et al discloses a navigation system for a vehicle.

Berstis discloses an apparatus for displaying real-time visual information on an automobile pervasive computing client.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bob Chevalier whose telephone number is 703-305-4780. The examiner can normally be reached on MM-F (9:00-6:30), second Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Christensen can be reached on 703-308-9644. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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B. Chevalier
June 12, 2004.


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